

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 058358

62

ORIGIN NODS-00

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /001 R

DRAFTED BY EUR/SOV:MGARRISON:BAL

APPROVED BY M:LSEAGLEBURGER

EUR/EE - MR. ANDREWS

EUR - MR. ARMITAGE

INR/DDC - MR. CURL

A/SY - MR. FISCHER

S/S - MR. ORTIZ

DESIRED DISTRIBUTION

LSE, C, EUR AND M/DG

----- 077460

P 102055Z MAR 76 ZFF6

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY WARSAW PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY PRAGUE PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY SOFIA PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY BELGRADE PRIORITY

INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PRIORITY

S E C R E T STATE 058358

NODIS

CHEROKEE FOR THE AMBASSADOR OR CHARGE FROM EAGLEBURGER

E.O. 11652: XGDS-3, 4

AGS: ASEC, US, UR

SUBJECT: MOSCOW RADIATION

1. SOME EE POSTS HAVE RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF PRESS OR
EMPLOYEE INQUIRIES WHETHER EE POSTS ARE SUBJECT TO THE SAME
MICROWAVE RADIATION PROBLEM WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED IN MOSCOW.

2. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE CLEAR THAT WE HAVE AVOIDED ALL
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 058358

SPECIFICS IN HANDLING PRESS INQUIRIES ABOUT THE PROBLEM IN

MOSCOW. ON THAT SUBJECT, OUR PUBLIC POSITION REMAINS AS STATED BY THE SECRETARY ON FEBRUARY 12 IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION ABOUT QUOTE MICROWAVE BUGGING UNQUOTE OF THE EMBASSY IN MOSCOW AND THE QUOTE RADIATION HAZARD UNQUOTE THIS MIGHT ENTAIL:

QUOTE: THIS ISSUE IS A MATTER OF GREAT DELICACY WHICH HAS MANY RAMIFICATIONS. OUR OVERWHELMING CONCERN IS, OF COURSE, THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF STATE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER PERSONNEL IN MOSCOW. WE HAVE MADE UNILATERAL EFFORTS TO REDUCE ANY DANGERS, AND WE ARE ALSO ENGAGED IN DISCUSSIONS ON THE SUBJECT. BUT I DO NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD SERVE THESE PURPOSES IF I WENT INTO ANY GREATER DETAIL. UNQUOTE

3. THUS WE HAVE NOT IN PUBLIC DISCUSSED QUOTE RADIATION, UNQUOTE QUOTE MICROWAVES UNQUOTE NOR IN ANY WAY DISCUSSED THE PURPOSES OF THE SIGNALS. IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP THIS IN MIND IN VIEW OF THE NUMEROUS PRESS STORIES BASED ON LEAKS AND SPECULATION.

4. EMPLOYEES IN EASTERN EUROPE MAY WELL WONDER ABOUT THE SITUATION AT THEIR POSTS. WE HAVE CHECKED WITH AUTHORITIES IN A POSITION TO KNOW AND HAVE DETERMINED THAT NO SIGNALS COMPARABLE TO THE ONES WE EXPERIENCE IN MOSCOW ARE DIRECTED AT ANY OF THE ADDRESSEE POSTS. THEREFORE YOU CAN CONFIDENTLY INFORM THE STAFFS AT YOUR POSTS OF THIS. YOU SHOULD NOT DISCUSS WITH EMPLOYEES THE QUESTION OF ACTIVITIES WHICH THE PRESS OCCASIONALLY ALLEGES WE CARRY ON IN OUR EMBASSIES AND WHICH IN MOSCOW IS ALLEGEDLY PART OF THE REASON FOR THE SIGNAL DIRECTED AGAINST US.

5. YOU MAY ALSO USE THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE IF ASKED BY US JOURNALISTS. YOU SHOULD NOT VOLUNTEER ANY OF THIS GUIDANCE. IF PRESS WISHES TO PURSUE MATTER FURTHER, THEY SHOULD BE REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT.

QUESTION ONE: IS THIS EMBASSY SUBJECT TO THE SAME TYPE OF RADIATION (SIGNALS, BEAMS) BEING DIRECTED AT OUR EMBASSY IN MOSCOW?

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 STATE 058358

ANSWER ONE: I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT NO SUCH PROBLEM HAS BEEN DETECTED HERE.

QUESTION TWO: HAVE YOU CHECKED?

ANSWER TWO: YES.

QUESTION THREE: SOME PRESS STORIES CLAIM THAT THE REA-

SON FOR THE SIGNALS IN MOSCOW IS TO JAM US ELECTRONIC
EAVESDROPPING IN THE EMBASSY. IS THE SAME SORT OF EAVES-
DROPPING PERFORMED IN THIS EMBASSY.

ANSWER THREE: OUR FIRM POLICY IS NEVER TO COMMENT ON
SUCH ALLEGATIONS.

6. THOSE INDIVIDUALS AT EE POSTS WHO HAVE SERVED IN MOSCOW
IN THE PAST OR WHO ARE TO BE ASSIGNED TO MOSCOW WILL BE
BRIEFED IN MORE DETAIL ON THE NATURE OF THE PROBLEM AT A
LATER DATE. KISSINGER

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: HEALTH, INFORMATION MEDIA, NUCLEAR HAZARDS, EMBASSIES, DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL, INFORMATION CONTROL, PRESS CONFERENCES, CAT-B, CHEROKEE 03/10/76
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 10 MAR 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: ullricre
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976STATE058358
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: MGARRISON:BAL
Enclosure: DC ALSO CAPTIONED X3
Executive Order: X4
Errors: N/A
Film Number: P840096-1423
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760374/aaaacnlt.tel
Line Count: 126
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN NODS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: NODIS
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: NODIS
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ullricre
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 12 APR 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <12 APR 2004 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <29 JUL 2004 by ullricre>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MOSCOW RADIATION
TAGS: ASEC, US, UR
To: WARSAW PRAGUE BUDAPEST MULTIPLE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006